

FIRE HOUSES.
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After disposing of the preliminaries, Chairman Peterson called on Mr. Farrand for a report. The latter proceeded at once to fire matters and thanked his colleagues for the courtesy extended to him in postponing action at a previous meeting on account of his absence from illness. "I understand," said Mr. Farrand, "that Mr. Walker has plans for a firehouse that will be submitted for our consideration, and I propose that he be given an opportunity now to submit his proposition."

Mr. Walker asked why the Fire Committee did not submit its own plans first.

Councilman Harrison opposed taking up any more time inspecting building plans. Both Mr. Walker's and Mr. Farrand's plans, he said, were perfectly familiar to every member of the Council.

Mr. Farrand then submitted his report in favor of the purchase of the R. N. Dodd building for fire and other municipal purposes, and spoke at considerable length in advocacy of that project. Competent builders, he said, had made an inspection of the Dodd building and reported it a strong and substantial building, and an architect's plan showed that it could be admirably cut up into office rooms for the town officials. The building and lot could be purchased for less than \$10,000, and reliable estimates of the cost of alterations indicated that such work could be done for \$10,000, making a total cost of \$20,000, and the interest and sinking fund would amount to only \$2,000 annually for twenty years. The rentals now paid by the town were enumerated by Mr. Farrand as follows: Office in the bank building, \$1,000; firehouse, \$770; police headquarters and storage building, \$125, and an estimated cost of providing for water department, \$300, making a total of \$2,125, or sufficient to pay the interest and sinking fund on the Dodd building. Mr. Farrand demonstrated the advantages of centralizing all the departments of government in one place, and he closed his remarks with a motion recommending the purchase of the Dodd building.

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Farrand what the dimensions of the Dodd property were.

Mr. Farrand replied that the lot had a frontage of 59 feet on Glenwood Avenue, and an easement of 10 feet on the south side of the building.

Mr. Moore inquired if Mr. Farrand's motion was in proper form to legalize a bond issue.

Town Attorney Halfpenny said that the simple motion to purchase the property could be passed subject to the subsequent adoption of an ordinance.

Mr. Moore spoke against the adoption by the Council of the recommendation made by the Chairman of the Fire Committee. He reviewed the various projects that the Council had given consideration in the way of endeavoring to reach a solution of the firehouse problem, and he said that after the upsetting of one or more attempts at combining town offices and firehouses, the Council had passed a resolution to divorce the two projects and deal with the firehouses alone, and that resolution, Mr. Moore claimed, had never

been rescinded. It was Mr. Moore's opinion that if the resolution had been adhered to, the firemen would have been in new quarters six months ago. It was not his fault, he declared, that the firemen were now suffering with deplorable quarters in some cases and lack of quarters in others.

In order to clear the way for the purchase of the R. N. Dodd building, Mr. Farrand moved the rescinding of the resolution of September 21st, limiting the action of the Council to firehouses alone.

Mr. Walker opposed that motion and declared that the resolution ought to remain in force, and the Council should at present confine its efforts to firehouses alone. "A town hall will be built," said Mr. Walker, "when the proper time comes to build it."

Mr. Farrand's motion to rescind the resolution of September 21st was carried, Messrs. Moore and Walker voting in the negative. Mr. Farrand then again offered a resolution recommending the purchase of the R. N. Dodd building.

Councilman Walker offered an amendment to Mr. Farrand's motion, and substituted for the R. N. Dodd property a plot of ground on Bloomfield Avenue east of Decker's livery stable. The lot proposed, said Mr. Walker, is 50x100 feet, and the price asked is \$3,750. A building can be erected upon it that will accommodate two fire companies. Mr. Walker then proceeded with a detailed statement of the advantages the site he proposed offered, and the quality of building that the plans he had produced called for.

The location, he said, was an ideal spot for a firehouse. It was convenient to the business centre and was satisfactory to the firemen, and met the needs of the town. Mr. Walker expressed himself as opposed to the combining of town offices with the firehouses. Several officials in other towns whose views he had obtained on the matter, condemned it as unwise, and he felt certain that the firemen did not want other departments of the town in the same building with the fire department.

Mr. Walker's building plan showed a design for a two-story brick building, 32x65 feet in dimensions, and to be erected at a cost of \$10,000. The building was to be equipped with all the appointments essential to a good fire building, the second floor to be used for meetings and social purposes, and each company to be provided with separate rooms. Mr. Walker said that he was decidedly opposed to the purchase of old buildings. His own experience was that there was no economy in it.

"Every taxpayer," said Mr. Walker, "has an equal voice with the firemen in this matter of expending money for public buildings."

Another advantage that his proposal offered, Mr. Walker pointed out, was the facilities adjacent to it for procuring horses. If the town had to maintain horses in the Dodd building it would cost \$3,000 annually. It would not cost over \$1,000 per annum to hire horses, and the saving of \$2,000 per annum would about pay for the site and building he proposed to about seven years.

Mr. Farrand asked what the result would be if Mr. Decker closed his business or moved to another locality. Mr.

Farrand again argued in favor of the R. N. Dodd building. He maintained that it was the only practical proposition before the Council. No other proposition showed options in writing, and no written estimates were produced showing the cost involved in other schemes. In numerous places, said Mr. Farrand, town offices and firehouses are combined in the same building and with great satisfaction and economy. Mr. Farrand laid stress on the fact that it was largely to effect an economy in the cost of government that the purchase of the R. N. Dodd building was recommended.

Mr. Walker said that he only wanted to do what he deemed was for the best interests of the town. He did not believe that any motives of sympathy should be allowed to prevail in the settlement of the firehouse question.

He had been approached along that line, he said, but without effect. "I think," said Mr. Walker, "if the firemen had seen the plans that I have submitted here to-night when this firehouse matter first came up, they would not have voted for the Dodd building."

Councilman Moore followed with a terrible onslaught against the purchase of the Dodd building. He arraigned the vacillating policy of the Chairman of the Fire Committee in jumping from one proposition to another. "First," said Mr. Moore, "it was recommended to us to purchase the Nash building, then a site on Washington street, now it is the Dodd building.

"You must remember," declared Mr. Moore, "that the annexation spirit is in the air, and if we should be incorporated as a part of Newark, wouldn't it be better if we had separate firehouses than an old livery stable? The Dodd building is an old one, and the walls in the rear bulge out. If remodelled it would still be an old building, and it would be a retrograde movement on the part of the Council to take quarters there."

"I don't believe that the wishes of a small majority of the firemen should control the destinies of all town officers," declared Mr. Moore, "and I think too much of the firemen to put them into an old stable with the aroma rising therefrom. I urge the Council to abandon the idea of erecting a building for town offices and fire purposes combined, and agree upon a site that would be accessible and give the firemen what they deserve."

After some more interchanges of remarks between Messrs. Moore and Farrand a vote was taken on Mr. Walker's amendment. Messrs. Moore, Harrison, and Walker voted for the amendment, and Messrs. Farrand, Conlan, and Chahot against it. Chairman Peterson cast the deciding vote in favor of the amendment.

The next proposition taken up was that of Active Hose Company, and \$4,000 was voted, then \$3,500 for Excelsior Hose House, and \$1,500 for a building in Montgomery street.

Mr. Conlan and Mr. Walker opposed the Montgomery street building. The former alluded to it as a club house and a source of unnecessary expense to the taxpayers, and said that while the amount asked was small, there was no doubt but what there would soon be a demand for a fully equipped fire company there.

Municipal Indebtedness.
The figures of the bonded and floating debts and sinking funds of the municipalities in Essex County are as follows:

Municipalities	Bonded Floating Sinking debt debt Fund
Newark	\$19,645,000 \$1,946,000 \$70,200
East Orange	1,694,411 330,000
Irrington	172,750 6,010
West Milford	50,500 20,000 27,111
West Orange	1,740,000 22,950
Caldwell Borough	70,000 53,443 4,324
Garden City	20,000
Cliffside Park	160,000 32,250
North Caldwell	4,000
Vauxhall	10,581 8,000 2,880
Bellerville	167,000 8,100 11,642
Calverton	435,000 40,000
South Orange	30,700
Vernon	

Juniors' Smoker.

James T. Boyd, Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Bloomfield, held a smoker and minstrel show on Tuesday night. Billy Williams, James Havell, Walter Tappan and John A. Brown were the end men, while Archie M. Dailey acted as interlocutor. In the chorus were David E. Boyd, Craig Dailey, John Baumler, Andrew Baumler, Frank Madison, Theodore Mack, Jr., and Charles Mack. The entertainment was an excellent one, and will be reproduced in Central Hall in April.

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Grading will be paid for by the cubic yard measured in excavation without classification, and must be placed where directed by the engineer in charge. No over haul will be allowed.

Profiles, plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Town Engineer.

The prices bid must include the cost of all materials and labor necessary in carrying out and completing the entire work.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$100, drawn to the order of the Town of Bloomfield as a guarantee of good faith of the bidder.

The Town Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Each proposal must be sealed and indorsed Olive Street Improvement, and addressed to Wm. L. Johnson, Town Clerk.

By order of the Town Council.

W.M. L. JOHNSON,
Town Clerk.

NOTICE.
NOTICE TO OBJECTORS:

The map and report of the Board of Assessors of the assessment fixed by them for building and connecting the streets in the Grove Street in the town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, have been filed in the Town Clerk's office, and are now open to public inspection.

Objectors may write to said reporter, map and report shall be filed with the Town Clerk on or before Monday evening, March 7, 1904, at eight o'clock, at which time the Town Council will meet in the Council Chamber in the Bloomfield National Bank Building at Bloomfield, County of Essex, at 8 A. M. on New Jersey, to consider objections.

Dated, BLOOMFIELD, N. J., February 2, 1904.

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